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Attorney Docket No. 2405.0167-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Mads Liendgaard Vigh et al.)

Serial No. 09/255,655)

Group Art Unit: 1623

Filed: February 23, 1999)

Examiner: H. Owens, Jr.

For: USE OF D-TAGATOSE AS A)
PREBIOTIC FOOD COMPONENT)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY

This reply is filed in response to the Office Action of November 4, 1999, and includes a request for a one-month extension of time with the appropriate fee. The period for response is thus extended to March 4, 2000. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks below is respectfully requested.

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, following the title, please insert the following sentence: This application

claims the benefit of provisional application no. 60/075,694, filed February 24, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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